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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 44 are pending in the application. Claims 1 to 27, 30, 36, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gundlach et al. (U.S. Patent 6.054,505) in view of Vieira et al. (U.S. Patent 5,096,781). Claims 1 to 26, 29, 35, 38, and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gundlach et al. in view of WO 97/20000. Claims 28, 31 to 34, 37, and 40 to 43 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have cancelled claims 6 to 8, 16 to 18, 27, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 39, and 44, thereby rendering moot the rejections of these claims. Applicants intend to pursue these claims or claims of similar scope in a divisional application.

Applicants have cancelled claim 28 and incorporated it into claim 1, thereby rendering claim 1 and the remaining claims depending therefrom in condition for allowance. Applicants have rewritten claims 31 to 33 in independent form. Applicants have cancelled claim 37 and incorporated it into claim 11, thereby rendering claim 11 and the remaining claims depending therefrom in condition for allowance. Applicants have rewritten claims 40 to 42 in Independent form. Applicants have amended claim 21 to recite a process using an ink composition as recited in amended claim 1, thereby rendering this claim and the claims depending therefrom in condition for allowance. Applicants have amended claim 24 to recite a process using an ink

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composition as recited in amended claim 11, thereby rendering this claim and the claims depending therefrom in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments place the claims in condition for allowance, and accordingly respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds for rejection.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is hereby authorized to call Applicant(s) attorney, Judith L. Byorick, at Telephone Number (585) 423-4564, Rochester, New York.

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